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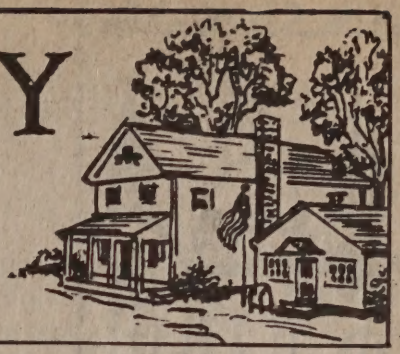

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WARRANT SHAPING UP FOR TOWN MEETING

Among the issues presented to the Monterey Selectmen for inclusion on the warrant for the May 4 Town Meeting are the following:

The Computer Committee will ask the Town to raise and appropriate $21,485 to buy computers for the Assessor's office and the Treasurer's and Tax Collector's offices with relevant software, a heavy-duty printer with traction feed and one modem. Their report to the Selectmen reads, in part, as follows:

"After considering four major systems (a rental system for the Prime computer; the Munis system for the Altos computer; the IBM microcomputer systems; and the Apple microcomputer systems) the Committee recommends the Town of Monterey consider purchase of an IBM-XT (10,000 megabyte hard-disk system) and two compatible portable computers from IBM. This set will allow total compatibility, should any one of the machines be under repair; or should they communicate with one another as part of the efficient operation of Town assessment, tax collection and treasury functions.

"Five of the six members recommend the above package, and one member wishes to ask the voters whether they would prefer the Town purchase IBM PCjr machines instead of portables (for a savings of about three thousand dollars). The latter option would not allow use of any other machine for all programs run by the Town, but would be a less expensive alternative. Other members of the Committee feel strongly that this investment in two portable compatible machines is well worth the additional expense."

The Selectmen themselves will recommend the purchase of a new pickup to provide transportation for and snowplowing by the Road Superintendent.

There will be a vote on the proposed moratorium on the construction of condominiums and multi-family housing by the Monterey Planning Board.

A voter petition will place an article on the warrant which will declare Monterey a "nuclear-free zone." (See page 13)

Michele Miller, for the North Road Association, expects to put an item on the warrant for the Town Meeting asking the town to adopt the Scenic Roads Act.

That Act preserves the appearance of rural and dirt roads, and would require that any maintenance, including removing trees or parts of stone walls be subject to a public hearing first.

Some or all town roads may be included under the Act. Anyone with a special interest in any town road is encouraged to call Michele as soon as possible at 528-3454.

Also of interest at the Annual Town Meeting will be a matter for consensus vote, concerning the cutting of trees in the town cemeteries. (See Letters to the Editor, this issue.)

As for the Budget, the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Committee wishes to increase its assessment to Monterey by 6.3%, or $14,623.

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE FOR TOWN MEETING

Maryellen Brown has arranged for babysitting for up to 15 children during the May 4 Town Meeting. The cost will be $2.00 per child for the extent of the Town Meeting. Sign up with Maryellen by May 1 by calling the town offices Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (528-1443) or Maryellen at home (528-1598).

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS

Nominating meetings and caucuses by Monterey Republicans and Democrats yielded only three new possibilities. For the finance committee post vacated by Ray Ward, both parties nominated Barbara Gauthier. For library trustee (Deborah Mielke having left that position) the Republicans nominated Judy Hayes and the Democrats nominated Gwendolyn O'Connell. For auditor both the Republicans and Democrats nominated Virgil Stucker.

Otherwise, incumbents to be renominated are: for board of appeals, five years: Osborne Dugan; for assessor, three years: William E. Mielke; for cemetery committee, three years: John Ryder; for planning board, five years: Barbara Tryon; for a second library trustee seat, three years: Robert Ensign; for moderator, one year: Mark Makuc; for park commissioner, three years, Frances Amidon; for selectman, three years: Jed Lipsky; for town clerk, three years, Suzanne S. MacIver; for a two-year post on the Southern Berkshire Regional School District: Cory Loder.

NEW ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

At the March 25 meeting of the Board, Monterey Selectmen voted unanimously to hire Donald Amstead, Jr., as Monterey's new road superintendent. A letter from Town Counsel Hugh Cowhig affirmed that Don may remain building inspector in addition to performing road superintendent duties. Don will begin the job on April 8. His salary will be the same as the previous superintendent's, $18,600.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Church school, Sunday at 10:30 during morning worship. Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Meditation and prayer, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited. Prayer Group, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

The celebration of Holy Communion will be on Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. This is celebrated in the manner of the Upper Room experience as Christ gathered to celebrate the Passover with his disciples the day before he was crucified. The Office of Tenebrae will be used. As the scriptures leading to the Crucifixion are read, candles will be extinguished until the sanctuary is finally in darkness. At this service the tradition will be observed of holding in memory persons who have died during the year. All in the community who claim Christ as Lord are invited to this event.

GOOD FRIDAY

As in years past, the Monterey Church will not have a formal Good Friday service, but the sanctuary will be open during the day. Individuals are invited to come in at will, using devotional material, and in the silence hold before themselves the death of Christ on the cross.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Young People's class is sponsoring an Easter Sunrise Service. Those participating are asked to gather at the church at 6:15 a.m. All will proceed together to the place where the worship will be held. anyone in the community is invited to share in this event. Those participating are asked to dress warmly. At the conclusion of the service all are invited to return to the church for a continental breakfast. The young people will be delighted to have people of all ages join with them for this celebration.

EASTER

Worship will be at 10:30 a.m. on Easter Day as the life that overcomes death is celebrated. Scriptures, music, poetry and the drama of the resurrection of the Christ will mark the day's celebration.

BRALLIER RETIREMENT ON JUNE 1

Toward the conclusion of the morning worship on March 10, Dr. Virgil V. Brallier announced his intention to retire on June 1 of this year. He indicated that in May he will have reached the age of 70, and it seemed appropriate to pass the leadership of the congregation into younger hands.

In the letter he read he spoke of the years in Monterey as "some of the happiest years of my life." He indicated further that Monterey will continue to be home for Mrs. Brallier and himself. They built the home they have now been living in for over three years in anticipation of their retirement.

Dr. Brallier plans to continue his work as a psychologist but "with rigorous intention not to increase the present case load."

The congregation called a special meeting following the worship on March 31 to act on accepting Dr. Brallier's retirement and to appoint a permanent moderator for the interim period until a new pastor is called.

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THE PRINCIPLE OF INSTABILITY AND HUMAN GROWTH

Instability is terrifying. We all try to avoid it. When something destabilizing comes into our lives we try to overcome it as quickly as possible. Instability in all its forms is usually seen as the enemy.

Yet in our haste to banish instability it seldom occurs to us that we might celebrate the benefits it bestows upon us again and again. I am quite convinced that much of human development, both in individuals and in organizations, owes a much deeper debt to instability than we ever acknowledge. Instability throws us off balance. That period between losing our balance and restoring it again is often a time of movement, development and growth. Of course, it has the possibility of becoming a setback as well.

But let me sing an anthem in praise of instability. Far more advances in the human scene have taken place because of it than we may imagine. Have you ever studied the process of walking or running? Whatever else it may be, it most surely is a series of steps in which one falls out of balance and then recovers the balance again. But it gets you places!

Try walking and always keeping in balance. It leaves one stiff and awkward. It may keep you safe, but what a price you pay for safety. Rigidity does not want to risk anything. It values safety above all. It is adverse to venturing, experimenting. Rigidity wants life to be a safe bet. And as a result it holds itself back from life.

Most of us can remember periods in our lives that were unsettled. We found it very uncomfortable, and I suspect most of us would identify that as a "bad time." Isn't it strange that we keep calling "bad" something that has been so necessary to bring us much of the good things we enjoy. For, if we think a bit, we will realize that these "bad times" were often the ingredient required to effect changes that in turn lead us into something good. This is such a common happening in our lives. Why don't we recognize more readily the good that may be waiting as we pass through a time of adversity and reverses. It is such a normal and common experience that we do not recognize the beneficial role it is playing. Likely it will continue that way for us. We will ignore to the bitter end the role that adversity plays is bringing us into the good.

That time of life we call adolescence is probably the most destabilizing period in one's lifetime. It is an awkward age in which we are neither child nor adult. We are undergoing profound changes physically, emotionally and spiritually. If we could, I suspect, most of us would skip over adolescence. Not many of us would choose to go through it again. And yet it was this terribly awkward, destabilizing period that provided for us the transition from childhood to adulthood.

The most dangerous period in organizational and group life comes when the old patterns begin to fall apart. Try as we will it just doesn't work right anymore. Eventually the organization or group enters into a period of unrest and instability. The life and well being of the organization is threatened. Blessed are those who recognize in time this may be the most creative period in the organization's life. Out of the imbalances and the struggle to regain balance a whole new life may flow into the organization. It turns out that new life and periods of instability in organizational life are intimately related to each other. Blessed are those who see this and work with the instability rather than trying to punish those they imagine are creating the instability.

I understand that my anthem in praise of instability will win few converts. No one is going to rush out and ask for instability that new life may come. But somewhere in the midst of the next difficult period that you keep hoping will go away, pause to ask, "Could it really be that right now I am overlooking an important—yes, even valuable—happening in my life?"

— Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

Gould Farm sheep

Wallace Tryon as Easter Bunny, First Easter Egg Hunt at Brookbend Inn in 1964. Child nearby is the daughter of Pat and Tom Andrus. Sent by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Higgins, Batavia, Illinois.

YOUTH NEWS

Pack #51

The boys made a trip to the Cove Lanes for an afternoon of bowling. They have worked on a writing achievement. The Cubs warmed up with a toe-creeping race and then wrote their names, holding a marker with their toes. Next they wrote (by hand this time) what makes America special to them. Freedom and our beautiful countryside were often mentioned. The next week the Cubs warmed up with potato races. Then each boy, using reference books from the school library, wrote about two famous Americans. Helen Keller, Henry Ford, Sam Houston, Abraham Lincoln and John Paul Jones were some of the ones written about. After warm-up exercises the Cubs had an indoor obstacle race. They tested their skills at sit-ups, puzzle balls, toe touches, tongue twisters, tunnel crawling, eating Saltines and then whistling. The boys built their Pinewood Derby racers and made displays for them and raced them. They completed their writing achievement by making invitations for the Tiger Cubs to come to one of their meetings.

Tiger Cubs

This week the Tiger Cubs met at Gould Farm and Jordan Loder and Dominic Stucker gave them all a tour of the farm. They visited the Sugar House, where they learned how to make maple syrup, and they even got to taste some.

Brownie Troop #237

The girls attended a puppet workshop in Pittsfield. They saw a puppet show and also got to make puppets. Rachel, Erin and Meghan also participated in a Brownie Bump Up where they made solar collectors and kites and prepared for their "Bridge to Juniors." Currently the girls are working on placemats and table decorations for the dinner to be held in Monterey for the elderly.

Youth Group

The Youth Group has been very busy lately. Two weeks ago they met to talk about "friendship." The next meeting they gathered to make a giant banana split sundae, which was enjoyed by all. One week the group went to the Berkshire Motor Inn to swim for awhile, and recently they met for a pizza party and worked in teams to play a scrambled word game. Upcoming plans include a meeting on drugs and a trip to roller skate in Lee.

The Monterey Church Sunday School is planning a Sunrise Service for Easter Sunday. Please mark your calendars.

NEWS FROM NEW MARLBOROUGH CENTRAL AND THE MONTEREY KINDERGARTEN

During February the preschool based many of its activities around Valentine's Day. They made a long list of things they love and were very busy creating all kinds of cards and room decorations for their Valentine's Day party. Mrs. Curtis, Cafeteria Manager, helped them to make heart-shaped cookies for this affair. The preschool visited the Mill River Post Office and got a guided tour and a brief explanation of how mail is delivered. The children sent Valentine cards to their parents from the Post Office on that day. The class has listened to many stories from the Massachusetts Department of Education "Mainstreaming Through the Media." These books are aimed at helping young children understand people with special needs. It is a fun, practical and sensible method for handicapped and nonhandicapped children to learn a lot about themselves and each other. The preschoolers and staff are looking forward to spring. They have already made a beautiful spring bulletin board with flowers, birds, fish, bumblebees, a rainbow, green grass and a great big sun. They hope to start their seedlings soon. Kristen Moritz joined the class this month. Her brother, Josh, has been in the program since September, which has helped to make the transition for Kristen a bit easier.

Linda Brazie comes to the Monterey Kindergarten each Friday to help the pupils on catch-up work. She also supervises board games, such as Uncle Wiggley, Lotto and Concentration. The students are working on the alphabet, memorizing a key word for each letter. So far they have completed 19. They have finished ordinal numbers and have begun numeral formations in their composition books. In Science they have started a dinosaur unit. James Phillips constructed a dinosaur diorama and brought it to school to share with his classmates. On Valentine's Day the children exchanged valentines and had a special snack. Jeffrey Pilot, from North Adams, joined the kindergarten on February 11.

Ann McGinley of Monterey, a Bonnie Prudden therapist, conducts an exercise class at New Marlborough Central School every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00

p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. In exchange for the use of the school building, she is providing a one-hour session for each class in the school to expose the children to the Bonnie Prudden Fitness Program. She will also provide several half-hour classes for the children at the Monterey Kindergarten.

First grade has finished the reader, *Pug*, and in early February they began *Sun Tree*, adding the MCP blue workbook, the study of "Instant Words," simple spelling words and the dictation of short sentences. In Math they are learning about clocks and time. They have started a secret project for May—more on that later! Their Valentine's Day party was extra special, with lots of mail and lots of goodies, including a Valentine cake made by Barbara Marchione's Bluebirds. These industrious little girls baked Valentine cakes for all the classes at NMC to be enjoyed during the classroom parties. In the fall of 1982 the first graders (now they are in third grade) planted bulbs outside the office entrance. All of us have come to think of this garden as a harbinger of better weather. this year the bulbs bloomed on February 21! "Can spring be far behind?"

During February the students and staff at NMC collected five cartons of canned goods and nonperishable food items to replenish the Food Pantry of the Southern Berkshire Community Action. This Food Pantry, which assists families in need, was destroyed in the Great Barrington fire.

In the third grade several of the children did a beautiful job decorating the Valentine mailbox. The class also made silhouettes of Washington and Lincoln, which hang in the windows of the classroom and cafeteria. They have planted seedlings and even painted the containers for a special surprise. All of these projects have been done with the help of Mrs. MacKenzie. In Language Arts they are finishing "Recall of Details" and are about to begin "Main Idea." Formal reading lessons are still from *Curbstone Dragons*. The students are multiplying two factor numbers by one factor, using the first five times tables, and they have been studying Old and New Ibadan in Nigeria, Africa.

RIF distributions took place in the Monterey Kindergarten and New Marlborough Central School in early February to kick off "In Celebration of Reading," the new RIF program designed to encourage children to read books. Forty-nine children in the two schools participated and were eligible for the random selection of the RIF Reader. On Friday, March 8, the drawing took place at a school assembly. Danny Lowe was chosen as our RIF Reader, and the runners-up were Yvonne Eichstedt, Cheryl Vaughan, Elizabeth Stevens, Bruce Snow Jr., and Marta Makuc. The names of all the local RIF Readers will be entered in a national drawing and one National RIF Reader will be selected, again at random. The winner of the national drawing, his parents and his RIF Coordinator will receive a trip to Washington, D. C. In addition to the national prizes, the PTA, in cooperation with The Bookloft in Great Barrington, is giving gift certificates to our RIF Reader and the runners-up. Fran Stevens, RIF Coordinator, was delighted that almost 50% of the students participated and the total time spent in reading was 20,540 minutes or 14½ days! Quite a success!

For the fourth grade Valentine party, Jennifer Stevens, Colin Storti and Chris Burkhart created a beautiful heart-

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shaped pinata which the class broke open. In conjunction with this holiday the class played a guessing game. Danny Lowe was the winner, guessing 906 red candy hearts in the candy jar. The actual amount was 955. Good job, Danny! The pupils are continuing their study of energy conservation, renewable and nonrenewable fuels and energy alternatives. State report letters have been written and sent. So far Louisiana and Maine have responded. February is Black History Month, and the class has viewed several filmstrips and listened to tape that discussed Black history from African civilization to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. They also saw a film dealing with racial prejudice entitled *Words by Heart*, based on a book of the same name. Homework awards for the second marking period went to Marta Makuc, Colin Storti, Jennifer Stevens, Asa Hardcastle, Danny Lowe, Stacy Palfini, and Chris Callahan. February 7 was the 100th day of school, and the fourth grade had a 100s exhibit to mark the event, inviting all the other grades to attend. Each fourth grader had a math problem with a sum, product, difference or quotient equaling 100. In the middle of the room there were 100 pieces of crumpled paper. Some 100 items on display were pennies, napkins, popcorn, beans, carpet tacks, pencils, crayons, baseball and football cards, ball bearings, swab sticks, pistachios, toothpicks, candy wrappers, stickers, cat food, marbles, Eyes of God, foreign coins, buttons, bottle caps, beads and candy. Sherry Mallory, our volunteer, is continuing a study of the brain with four students. This month our bakers have made George Washington cookies (shaped like a cherry tree) to celebrate Washington's birthday and Kandy Kiss Krunches for Valentine's Day. To end the month on an up note, Chris Callahan gave a magnificent report on Thomas Edison.

Early in February, Paul O'Brien from Mount Everett came to share a student-made video on nutrition with the students. He visited each grade to make the presentation.

On February 1 the second graders prepared for Groundhog Day, which this year fell on a Saturday. They made paper bag puppets and visited the preschool and the first grade to recite a Groundhog Day poem which coordinated with their puppets' movements. Valentine's Day required that every student make a Valentine box in the form of a rural mailbox. After the sumptuous Valentine party, prepared by room mothers Ardelle Gile and Kay Pratt, all of the Valentine messages were read and the Valentine boxes were taken home in hopes that they would be saved for another year. The dental care unit was initiated with a filmstrip, "Smile on Star Ship Seven," which depicted good brushing habits and choices of nutritious snacks. Each child has a toothbrush and toothpaste in school, courtesy of our school nurse, Jean Wilcox, and now all the second graders brush every day after lunch. This cuts down on the time that cavity-causing plaque can work on teeth. During February the pupils concentrated on the biographies of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, using books from many different authors. The students wrote short biographical booklets on both presidents to take home.

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Second graders with their groundhog puppets: L-R, Jon Pratt, Jordan Loder, Paul Makuc, Dominic Stucker. Ann Gile is kneeling.

Partners in Reading awards for the second quarter will be given out in early February to the following students: Michelle Dawson, Lani Gillooly, Melissa Hanson, Lisa Hopkins, Curtis LaVigne, Leigh Marchione, Kevin Ohman, Tricia Storti, Jason Tanner, Jessica Van Deusen, Ezra Andersen, Michael Mallory, Stephen Ball Jr., Andy Brazie, Jenee Eichstedt, Tucker Gillooly, Evan Hardcastle, Japheth Ketcham, Paul Makuc, Ryan Marchione, Jon Pratt, Elizabeth Stevens, Dominic Stucker, Bruce Snow Jr., Tish Thorpe, Asa Hardcastle, Heather Gunther, Stacy Palfini, Jennifer Stevens and Colin Storti. In the Monterey Kindergarten Tommy Brazie also received an award.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IN SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL

Registration for children to enter the kindergarten program of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District will take place during the month of April. Letters have been sent to parents of children eligible to enroll for classes this fall, according to Principal Paul W. Langer.

The kindergarten teachers will call parents to arrange a conference appointment for registering the children, and to describe the programs and services provided in the school.

Parents who have children eligible for enrolling in kindergarten but who have not received a letter should call Mr. Langer at 229-8754. Children who will be five on or before December 31, 1985, are eligible to enter kindergarten.

Parents with children who are three or four years old and have special educational needs are urged to call the school office for information concerning assistance for their children through provision of the Special Needs Pre-School Program.

Ana's Bedtime Poem

Do you know what the moon is saying?
The moon is saying, "Beep, Beep"
Do you know what the star is saying?
The star is saying, "Jzt, Jzt"
Do you know what the other star is saying?
The other star is saying, "Crzk, Crzk, Crzk"
Do you know what the other star is saying?
The other star is saying, "Grmp, Zhmp, Sss"

— Steve Maye

A MONTEREY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Monterey Arts Council, in cooperation with members of the "I Love Monterey Day" Committee, have started planning a weekend of cultural activities for this summer to be called "A Monterey Festival of the Arts." This celebration of visual and performing arts has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21. In two organizational meetings, an exciting series of events was proposed which promises to yield a rich and varied program, including:

A spectacular parade consisting of professional marching bands, bagpipers, local floats, jugglers and clowns.

An art exhibition in the new firehouse with works by visual artists and craftspeople from Monterey.

A concert by Aston Magna in the United Church of Christ featuring works by Mozart and Haydn performed on period instruments.

A program of modern dance by performers from *Jacob's Pillow* at Rock Ridge.

Delectable *refreshments by Michele Miller* at Rock Ridge.

A children's art exhibition and other activities, *including child care.*

And Some Surprises!

We urge all artists and craftspeople in Monterey to plan to participate in "A Monterey Festival of the Arts." Begin setting aside some of your best pieces for the show so that they will be representative of the excellent talents and skills of Monterey artisans. Guidelines for exhibition entries will be published soon. While the parade and art exhibition will be public events, admission to the performing arts segment of the festival will be by ticket only. Tickets for the concert, modern dance and refreshments will be $10; senior citizens, $7.50.

A letter with detailed information will be reaching you soon. For more information you may call 528-4115 or 528-3723.

MONTEREY ARTS COUNCIL
Michael Marcus
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FOOD FOR FRIENDS AND AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY BENEFIT FROM "DAFFODIL DAY"

Most folks didn't know what "Daffodil Day" was all about, but when approached and given an explanation they were most interested and supportive. As a result some 55 bunches of daffodils were distributed by various Monterey business folks in town. The cheer and smiles brought by these gorgeous huge blooms, a bit of early spring, were so rewarding, and the donations were appreciated by the American Cancer Society.

On March 21 the elderly involved in the "Food for Friends" monthly lunches at the church were the recipients of some of these daffodils, and Milly wishes to express their thanks to Gordon Bowles for delivering the flowers and to Maynard Forbes at the General Store for donating them.

The cut flowers are flown from California, all packed and with tight buds, so they will last. When received they are open and are large, lovely and fragrant. Next year we shall try to spread the word further—and fill the town with them.

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MONTEREY MOVIES MARCH ON

The "Monterey Film Festival" sponsored by the Monterey Arts Council was a great box-office success. The classic and foreign film series shown on five successive Saturday nights in March in the social room of the United Church of Christ had an attendance of over 300 patrons. Films shown were *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Seven Samurai*, *King of Hearts*, *Lust for Life*, and *West Side Story*. Patrons were also treated to cartoons, short subjects and popcorn. The highlight of the series was an SRO crowd for *Seven Samurai* attended by over 70 Monteruvians.

The Arts Council is especially grateful to Peter Schulze for his professional operation of two projectors and sound systems, giving us uninterrupted viewing. We also wish to recognize the efforts of Hinako Marcus at the ticket booth and Council members Lois Ryder and Pat Andrus at the popcorn stand. Leonard Weber's grand marquee was a real eye catcher and transformed the church into an authentic cinema hall. Finally we would like to thank the community for their encouraging response and support, as ticket sales just about covered our expenses and high rental fees. We will make efforts to solicit suggestions from the community regarding choice of film titles for what we hope will be an annual event. Thanks, and see you at the movies.

— MONTEREY ARTS COUNCIL

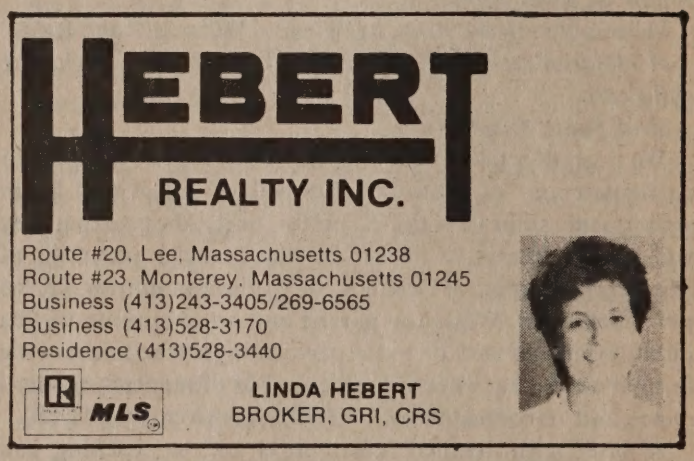
HUNTING ETHICS TO BE DISCUSSED

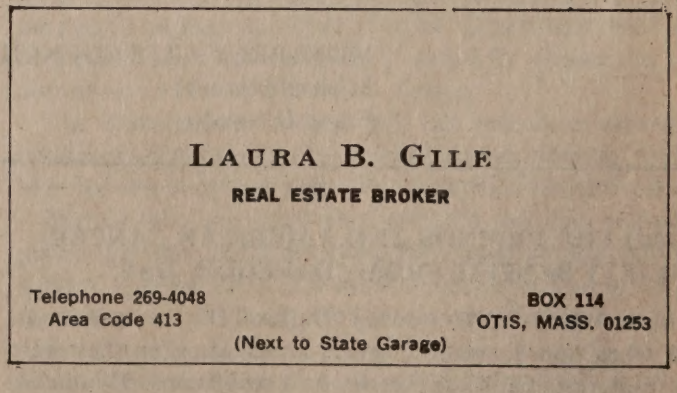
The Southern Berkshire Chapter of the Isaac Walton League invites all interested parties to attend a meeting to discuss "Hunting Ethics—How to Restore Gun Safety and Good Sportsmanship to Hunting." The meeting will be April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in New Marlborough.

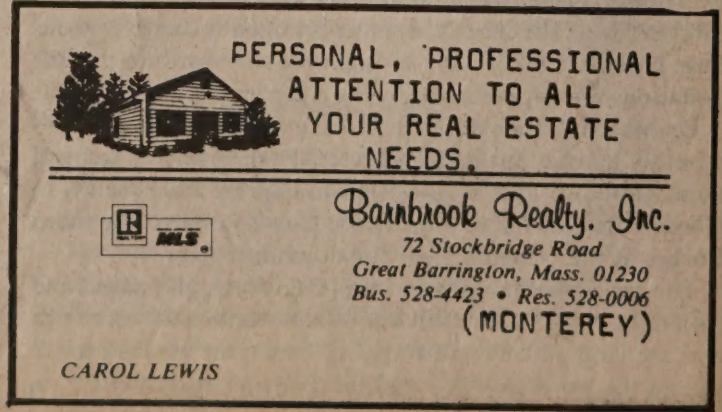
LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION

The gates at the dam on Lake Garfield were closed on schedule on March 15 by the Selectmen. I was pleased to see the interest shown in letters about the quality of Lake Garfield. The Lake Garfield Association has done extensive research and considered every possible alternative to help reduce a potential weed problem. We have been guided primarily by the limnological studies completed on Lake Buel by experts from the University of Massachusetts. Lake Buel and Lake Garfield have very similar characteristics. One of the primary recommendations for improving Lake Buel from the experts is to draw down the lake for freezing action during the winter. That is the reason this method was used on Lake Garfield. As one who uses the lake for swimming, fishing and boating as much as anyone, my personal observations have shown that the weed problem has been contained, the fishing is very good, and the water quality has remained excellent. Until more sophisticated studies have been completed on other Berkshire lakes, I am certain we are on the right track, in handling it the way we do now. I would request those of you interested in Lake Garfield to attend the Lake Garfield Association meetings held in June and August.

— Dean P. Amidon, L. G. A. President







MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met March 6, 1985, for its annual booster night. Sister Isabel Curran, Information Director for the Massachusetts State Grange, was present and presented lecturer Mary Wallace fourth prize for the Community Service Contest (a $75.00 bond). Sister Connie West, a member of the Assembly of Demeter, spoke on the history of the Grange and its many activities and sang a solo. Sister Edith Wheeler, a member of the Home and Community Committee, presented Sister Eleanor Kimberley with the best of show for her slide from National Grange (a $75.00 check).

Sister Alicia Brazie presented Kenneth Warner with a 55-year seal. Pomona Deputy Norman Wilcox and Membership Committee member Gerald Alley were also present. A variety program and buffet lunch were enjoyed by all.

The youth will have a fund raiser at Price Chopper on April 1. The tote bag donated by Ann Vickerman was won by Freda Macken.

Monterey Grange #291 met March 20, 1985, for a Home and Community Program. There was a fund raiser for projects. Guest were present from Sandisfield and Umpachene. Another application was taken in. Carl Jesperson was in charge of a game for sisters and Ann Vickerman was in charge of a game for brothers.

The Grange will have a fund raiser at Price Chopper on April 1. The next meeting will be on April 3 for a Conservation program in charge of Florence Brown and Eleanor Kimberley.

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer

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MONTEREY SKI DAY AT BUTTERNUT

Although the weather had been discouraging, the skiing was great on that day and weather fine. About 25 showed up, some for the first time, along with regulars. We missed those who couldn't come for various reasons. Channing Murdock hosted our group in the new lodge at 3:00 p.m. with wine, beer, assorted cheese and crackers and Danish smoked salmon and bagels. Maynard Forbes donated some Monterey General Store wine and plans to attend next year. Maybe we should try for an earlier date next year to insure new snow. It was a fun day. Watch for the announcement of another one next year!

THE TOWN REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Marilyn Stevens, long a member and secretary/treasurer of the Committee and for several years our chairman, has resigned her post. The Committee accepted her resignation with regret, and are happy to have her remaining as a Committee member, so that we may continue to benefit from her years of experience. She followed Bea Phillips in that post—the little one-woman dynamo, who chaired the committee for many years. We also accepted a resignation of committee member Bill Stevens. Marilyn and Bill are still struggling to recoup and reorganize after the shock of the fire in their business offices. We wish them well!

The Committee welcomes newly elected Tom Thorn as chairman. He was interested in the job last year, and this year has the time to make it a reality. It's good to have young blood taking over. We also welcome Linda Thorpe, Cathy Rodgers and John O'Connor as new members.

Tom is a third-generation Monterey native. He and Jane live on the Parker estate with their two girls. He is a respiratory therapist in Winsted, Connecticut, was Master of the Masonic Lodge in Great Barrington last year—and you might see him buzzing around in his very own plane.

1985 TAXES

The Assessors are still waiting for State Certification, and therefore it is impossible at this time to establish a date for the issuance of the Fiscal 1985 real estate tax bills. However, when issued, the entire bill will be due 30 days from date of mailing.

Beginning with the 1985 assessments, motor vehicle excise bills will be due 30 days, rather than 60, from the issue date. Other legal changes increase the minimum excise to $5.00, no abatement may reduced any such excise to less than $5.00, and there will be no refunds less than $5.00.

Late payment will result in penalty and interest of 12%. Anyone who is billed for a vehicle that has been sold, traded or junked should apply to the Assessors for an abatement.

— Henry J. Makuc, Tax Collector

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Mahicans and the English

What were the relations between the English and Indian townsfolk of Indian Town, renamed "Stockbridge" in 1739? We know that John Sergeant, the first missionary, was devoted to his charges and that they reciprocated his feelings, but the sachem Umpachene, also known as Aaron Sonkewenaukheek, expressed his mistrust of English land-hunger and his distaste for the morals and behavior of "so many" of the foreign settlers. Even before the town of Stockbridge was created, he asked this poignant and prophetic question: Since all the land except Stockbridge was given to the English, would their descendants not look upon the children of the Indians as "objects of charity and inferior to themselves? Would their titles be such as to secure them from abuse?"

Many of the English authorities, including Governor Belcher of Massachusetts Bay Colony, referred to the Mahicans as "my children." Even Sergeant spoke of "my River Indians." The Great White Father relationship has its gratifications, at least on the "father" side, but its condescension was surely not lost to the "children" side. At the same time the Indians could see that they really were helpless in the intricacies of the white man's law, and were far behind their protector/exploiters in many technical skills.

The hard-working, acquisitive, competitive and aggressive English families of early Stockbridge clearly felt no great identity with, or admiration for, the Indians they were pledged to "civilize." The Indians were not assertive, they saw no virtue in labor for its own sake, they were quite ready to abandon their farms for long pleasurable trips to visit relatives in the Hudson Valley or further west among the Shawnees and Muncees in Pennsylvania and even the Miamis in Ohio. And they gave themselves all too wholeheartedly to the white man's vice of alcohol.

The Indians modified English costume with extravagant decorations of ribbons, feathers, beads, dyed porcupine quills and bright blankets and shawls. Less than half of the Indian houses in Stockbridge were in the English style. The rest were wigwams and must have looked to European eyes like flimsy symbols of improvidence and laziness. The English clearly did not want to associate closely with such people. They built their farms on the upland, north side of town in an "English precinct," and soon removed their affairs from the hands of Indian town officers by setting up a separate governing organization. The only intermarriage was between Mahicans and a few Black people who moved into town.

A glance at the records of the General Court in Boston shows the Mahican side of the disharmony:

October 3, 1750. Complaint of the Stockbridge Indians that Ephraim Williams has encroached upon and usurped their land.

October 5, 1750. Charge that Williams is delaying the report of a committee investigating the matter.

April 2 and 3, 1754. Vote of the General Court to appropriate money for the relatives of Waumpqumcorse, an Indian who was killed, said money "to quiet the restlessness of the Stockbridge Indians."

June 7, 1754. Order of the General Court empowering commissioners to go to Albany to investigate and report as to alleged clandestine purchase of lands from the Stockbridge Indians by persons from Stockbridge, Sheffield, Springfield, and Westfield.

December 28, 1763. Petition, protesting Stockbridge election of March 21, 1763. The Indians were responsible for early elections; the English newcomers are now attempting to deprive the Indians of their influence in town affairs.

July 9, 1766. Several Indians said to have gone to England in June to lay their complaints before the king as to being disturbed in their lands.

— David P. McAllester

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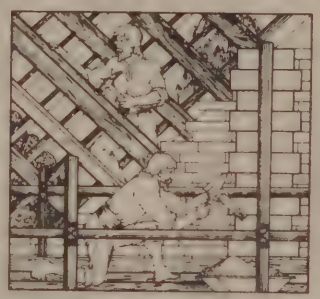

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Corashire School children with Bea Phillips as teacher. Does anybody recognize him/herself in this picture?

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What is to become of Corashire School?

The first school was built in 1766. By 1868 there were one hundred and fifty children attending nine schoolhouses in Monterey.

It is difficult to locate the buildings now, as several have been destroyed and others have been converted to residences. Schools could be found on Beartown Road near the big rock; at the Old Center; at Morse's Corner; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tryon's cottage; on Blue Hill; at the top of Mt. Hunger; and on the road to New Marlboro.

Center and until recently Corashire were the only schools left in Monterey. With the closing of Avalon, Corashire is now empty and rapidly deteriorating.

From all reports, Corashire was the most attractive architecturally, with its cupola, and it also had an ideal location on the main road. A number of our present residents attended the school, and in recent years, until its closing as a town school, Beatrice Barnum Phillips was the teacher.

Let us hope that the new owners, whomever they may be, will find a use for this old building and preserve it for future generations to see.

— Sally Fijux

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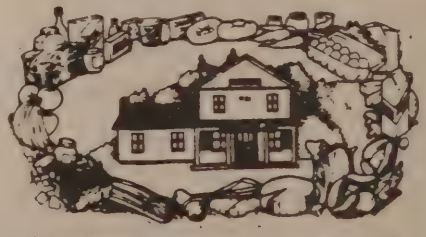

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Singing his same old song

My friends are coming back
They have been away for a time
Now that they have returned
All things are in rhyme

We wait to hear the peepers
They have been heard other places I'm told
Spring does not come for us
Until they are heard at the water hole

And the coot that is trying to nest
In the poplars across the way
Cusses me when I go by
I wonder what angry ducks say

Working near by in the summer
Thirsty and watching for rain
Jug-a-rum we hear from the water hole
Makes us thirsty all over again.

Autumn leaves come whispering down
Beautiful soft and so still
Old timers tell me winter won't come
Until swamps and water holes fill

Passing by in the winter
It is covered with ice and snow
all of my friends are sleeping now
Waiting for spring to say—go

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

At the annual Town Meeting on May 4 I plan to raise an issue for consensus vote. I would like the voters to know about it beforehand so they can give it some thought and then plan to stay until the end of the meeting, after all the articles have been voted upon, to discuss and vote on this issue.

My concern is the trees in the town cemeteries, which are being cut down by the Cemetery Committee as part of its maintenance program. Of the three elected members of the committee, two have told me that in their opinion "trees don't belong in cemeteries," and that it is their plan to cut them down. This has already begun in the small, historic cemetery on Mount Hunger Road where one of the huge (but healthy) white pines was taken down this past December. One plan I have heard for this cemetery is to take down a section of the stone wall in order to bring in a log truck so that all the trees (there are only eight) can be logged out.

In February I sent a letter to the Cemetery Committee asking them to stop cutting the trees and to consider a maintenance program of judicious pruning instead. Sixty-nine voters signed this letter.

If you feel, as I do, that trees do belong in cemeteries, please come to the Town Meeting and stay until the very end, when issues for consensus vote come up. The Cemetery Committee has responded to my February letter saying that despite their personal convictions that the trees must go, they *will* be guided by a consensus vote at the meeting. They have agreed to halt the cutting for now, until after the meeting.

Sincerely,

Bonner J. McAllester

MONTEREY AS NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

Voters at the Annual Town Meeting on May 4 will have the opportunity to declare Monterey as a Nuclear Free Zone. An article on the warrant will propose a resolution that "no nuclear weapons nor the parts thereof shall be produced, transported, stored, stationed, disposed of, nor used within these borders. This Town furthermore renounces the right to be defended by the use or threatened use of nuclear weapons." The Selectmen will be instructed to "install and maintain at each entrance to the town a sign signifying that Monterey is a *Nuclear Free Zone*." Susan McAllester, who initiated the petition to place the resolution on the warrant, supports it as a way of saying that Monterey does not condone the nuclear arms race as a way of achieving peace. It is, in addition, a dangerous and wasteful use of our national resources. By speaking as a community we enlarge our individual voices so that they will reach those around us, who may be encouraged to join us. Monterey is one of six towns which have already included a Nuclear Free Zone resolution on their Town Meeting warrants for 1985.

PERSONALS

See you around the punch bowl at **Benchmark Realty's** Grand Opening, Wednesday, April 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be by Michele Miller. As **Nancy Kalodner** said, "We're on the second floor, so we must have first-class fare!"

Edward Jeffries III and **Anita Boibeaux** of Monterey are the parents of a new baby daughter, Jesalyn, born March 1 at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington.

Monterey students on the Mount Everett Regional School's honor roll list for the second quarter: grade 11, **Suzanne Parks**; grade 10, **Michelle Grotz**; grade 9, **Christopher Makuc** and **Janet Thieriot**; grade 8, **Shelby Loder**; and grade 7, **Anne Marie Makuc**, **Meghan Bradley** and **Natasha Grotz**.

Natasha Grotz earned the bronze medal at the Tri-State Slalom race held at Butternut Basin on February 3 in the Girls' Class III division. Natasha also has qualified as one of the top seven girls and participated in the Tri-State Championship races held in Connecticut on February 23 and 24.

Peter and **Karen Gottlieb Schulze** have a new baby son, Elias Raphael, born at their New Marlboro Road home on February 19.

Eleanor Pearl sent us a clipping from the February 14 *New York Times* which featured one of Monterey's weekenders, **Michael Feltser**. It is an article about how a winter home in the country can be worth the drive to harried New Yorkers. Monterey is described as a "tiny Berkshire County, Mass., hamlet," and Mr. Feltser is quoted as saying that he has made the trip here every weekend for seven years because ". . . that's where home is, and after a weekend I come back with a completely different mind set."

Other celebrities in the news are **Donald Holmes**, who, according to the *Berkshire Courier*, spoke March 20 to the Great Barrington Historical Society about the historical dimension and contribution of the postal collector's hobby; and **John Sellew**, who is now a dealer for "Enterjoy," a solid-state heating system consisting of radiant heating panels installed in one ceiling. John's picture was in the *Courier*, and he looked radiant, as always.

Ellen Carol Leuchs was presented at the Colonial Ball, sponsored by the New York chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, on February 8 in New York City. A senior at Miss Hall's School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Leuchs of Main Road.

Mr. and **Mrs. Donald Amstead Jr.** of Monterey celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary February 24 at The Lantern in Clayton. About 40 guests attended the party. The couple, married February 27, 1960, in East Canaan, Connecticut, have five children, Mark, Keith, Glen, Scott and Jill, all living at home.

James K. Gauthier of Monterey, an interior design major at the Boston campus of Newbury Junior College, was recently named to the Dean's List. To earn this distinction, students must have a grade point average of at least 3.3. Newbury Junior College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and offers 29 degree programs at eleven locations throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

Elissa Champigny is visiting friends in Dublin, Ireland, and is on a buying trip for an Irish import store. She has graduated from Dean Junior College and Cortland College in the State of New York.

Doug Champigny is playing classical, rock and blues guitar in Greenwich Village at Folk City, The Bitter End, and Kenny's Castaways.

JEAN MORRIS

Mrs. Jean G. Morris, 71, of Route 8, Otis, formerly of Main Street, Monterey, wife of the late Elmer E. Morris, died at Bay State Medical Center, Springfield, March 5, following a long illness.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, March 27, 1913, daughter of James and Mabelle Smith Brewster, she was a 1931 graduate of James Madison High School in Brooklyn, and studied violin in New York and in California. In 1955 she and her husband moved to Otis and operated the Deer Hill Cabins, which is now the Klondike. In 1966 they moved to Monterey where they ran Ed and Jean's Antique Shop on Main Street, until her husband's death in 1982. Since his death, Mrs. Morris had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Thomas of Otis.

The funeral was at the Otis Congregational Church. Burial was in the Otis Cemetery.

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find a picture of my cat Char. On March 27 she was 22 years old. She has lived on the farm in Monterey all of her life, if not with me, with my brother or my parents. I thought some of the people in Monterey would like to know not only do people live long here, so do some animals. She is frisky as ever but most of the time you will find her in the window porch sleeping in the sun. She was born on the farm in Monterey.

— Anna Thorn

"Char" PHOTOGRAPHED by TIMOTHY FREEMAN

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 13—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, MA. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, $3.50; children, $1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

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RABIES CLINIC

A rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats will be held at the Monterey Firehouse on Saturday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Sudi Sparrow Baker at 4½ months

Monterey welcomed Sudi Sparrow Baker, its newest citizen, at the Community Dinner on March 27. Sudi was born in Bihar, India, on November 2, 1984, and came to Monterey on March 4, 1985, where she lives with her new parents, Joe Baker and Bonner McAllester of Hupi Road. The Community Dinner in Sudi's honor was an Indian feast with curries, *raitas* and *chapatis* from the great cooks of the town. People dressed up in *sarees* and bangles, Mark Horowitz showed slides of his recent trip to India, and Sudi smiled.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We have recently received a poem and a letter to the editor with no signature. It is our policy not to print unidentified submissions. Let us know who you are and we will gladly print what you have to say.

security

(a welcoming poem for
Sudi Sparrow Baker)

with a deft, easy toss
of Brahma's dice,
given you by Sarasvati
in the world of secret graces . . .
Playing the Wheel,
you let the little cubes
drop and fall to rest,
in your Nest.

The number is 2,
Two, all-new parents for you;
Strumming, enchanted and shining
Because you are in their Heart,
in their arms!
You heard their singing
to be with child.

Their labors and prayers
are answered in you
and your whispered thoughts,
to Adventure
in a land far from your birth,
are answered with them.

So according to timing and alignments
only Visvakarman
may stir into the Dance
of Blessing Way's Chance,
you trust and are carried in love
across oceans
across time and borders.

You are home,
swaddled in Prajapati's blanket,
woven on the mountain of the King.

Wrapped in string-touched song
and cuddled with sweetness
more liquid than maple,
you embrace the security
which cradles beyond all measure:

Trust in the Goodness
Trust in the Glee
Trust in the Livingbright
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